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# Northwest Passages

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the view  
from inside  
the **peloton**

**DR. ALAN EHLER IS A PROFESSOR,  
PASTOR, HUSBAND, AND FATHER.  
OFTEN, ON SATURDAY MORNINGS,  
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# Starting a new semester with prayer

**A candlelit march  
is the final event  
of new-student  
orientation as  
the Fall 2010  
semester  
begins.**

**Larisa Kotilevskaya**, a sophomore, was an Orientation Leader for new students this fall. She was with seven students, working to make them feel welcome and helping them connect with faculty and other students.

The Candlelit March was the final event of new-student orientation, held on the Sunday evening before the first day of classes.

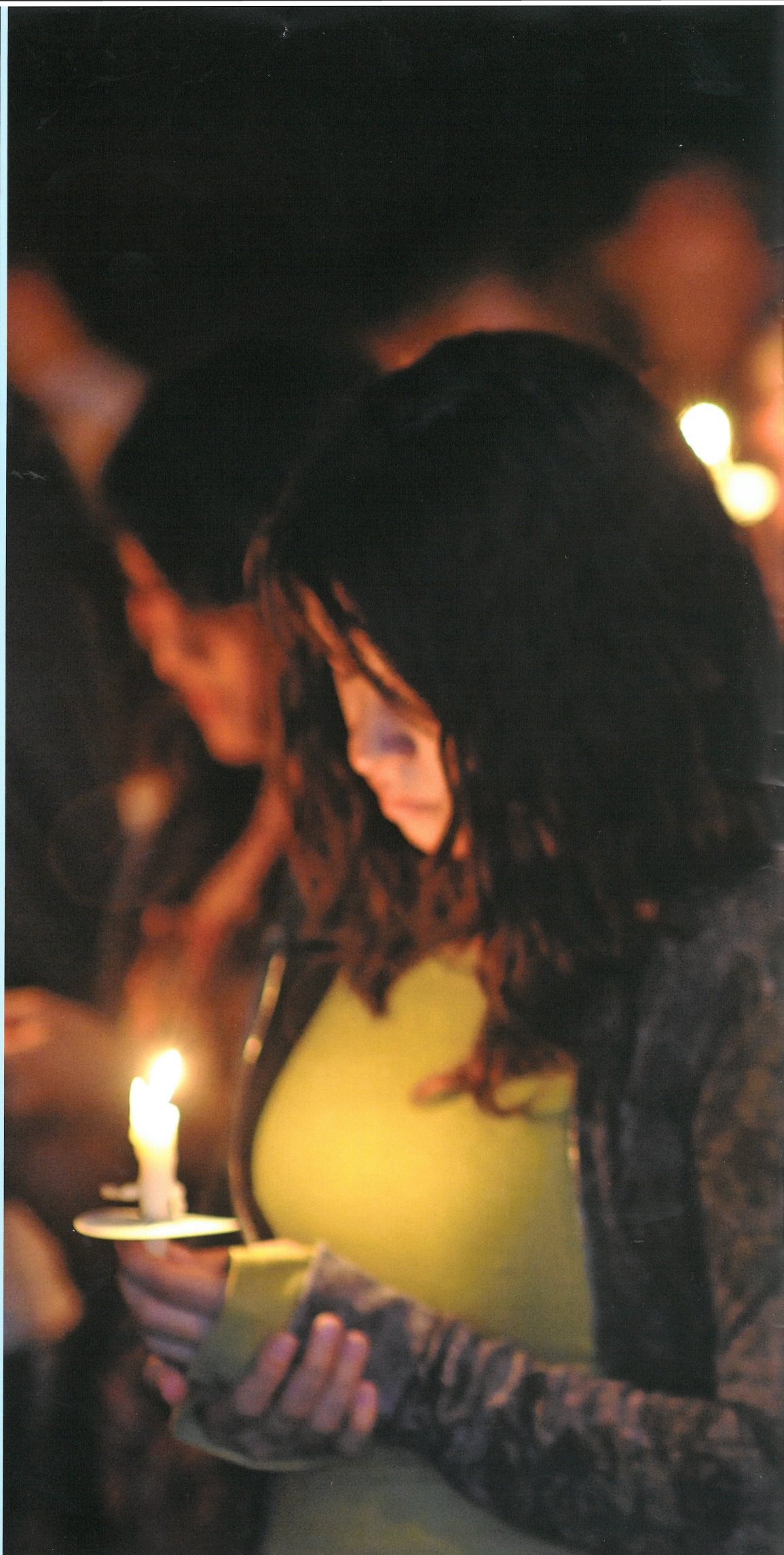
Larisa reports that her favorite thing about Northwest University is the environment: "Everything is community-based, and there's an emphasis on the spiritual aspect, no matter what your major is.

Everyone connects."

Larisa is a music major, and she appreciates all of the options for music, including *Creatio*, the Choir, and the Choralons.

Her advice to prospective students: "Come to a *Northwest Friday* to see what Northwest is all about. It opens your eyes to the great community that exists at Northwest!"

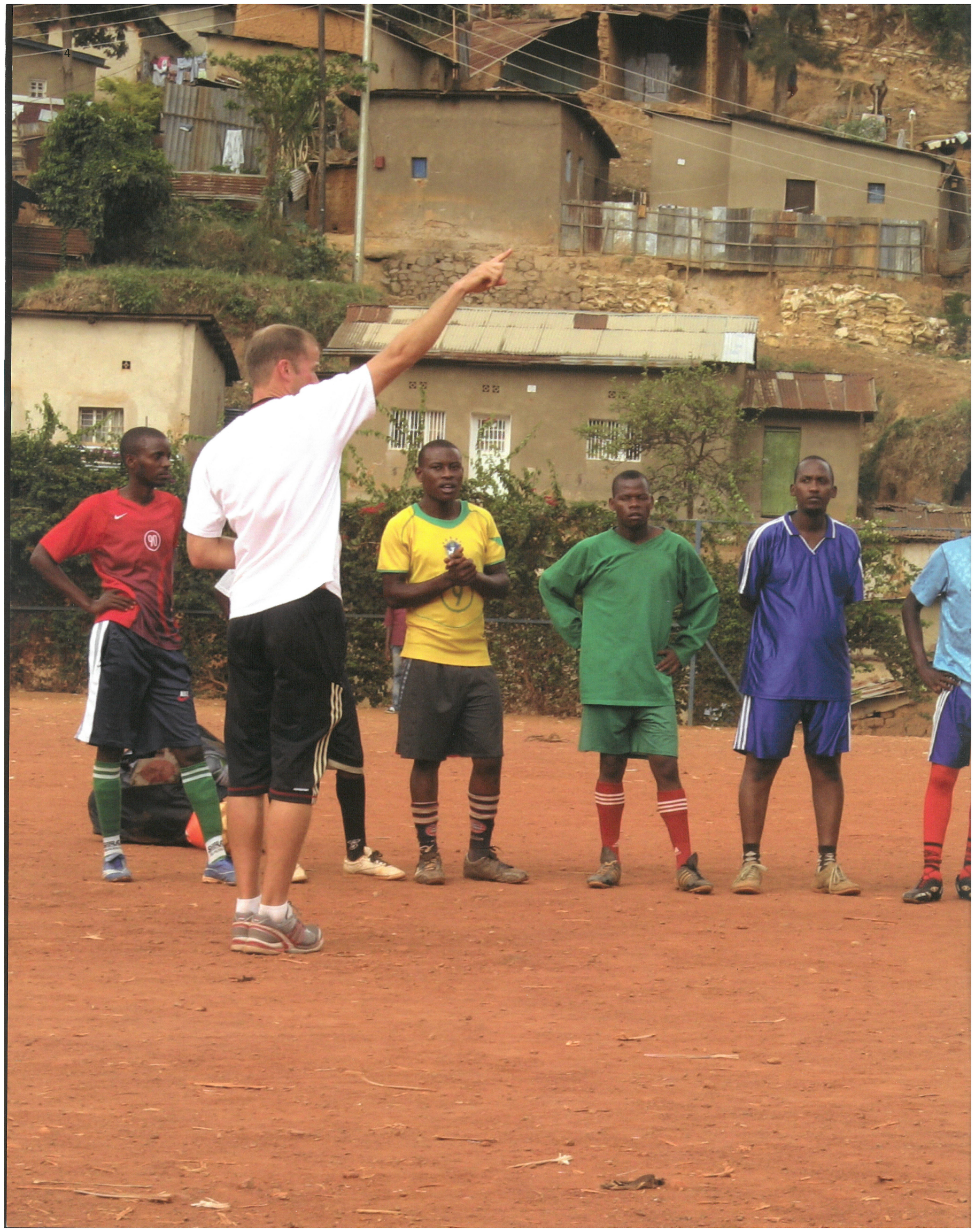
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# Teaching coaches in Rwanda to reach street kids

**Seth Taylor**, assistant women's soccer coach at Northwest, is helping street kids "play for hope."

Seth Taylor went to Rwanda for two weeks this September to work with *Play for Hope*, a U.S.- and Rwanda-based non-profit that focuses on the street children of Rwanda.

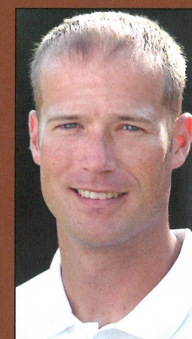
"They train coaches in ministry as well as sports and then form teams of street children," reports Seth. "They recruit them in the trenches and then show them the love of God by teaching them about Jesus, helping them get off drugs, and guiding them back home or to a place they can call home. The boys come for the sports because they love them. Many believe soccer might be their only way to a better life."

Seth contributes by training the coaches.

"*Play for Hope* has a goal of making their coaches the best in Rwanda, so I spent two weeks training them every day in practice structuring, sports psychology, tactics, and many other aspects of coaching," he notes. "It was intensive on a cultural level due to the dynamics of leadership and because everything had to be done through a translator."

In December, Seth plans to return to Rwanda with a team of coaches, many from Northwest University.

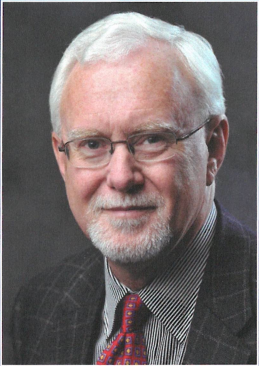
"My prayer and hope is that, starting next summer, we will be able to take Northwest students to Rwanda to share the love of Christ with these street kids," Seth states.





# It's been a wild ride.

## We'd rather not take it again.



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It's been a roller coaster ride this fall at Northwest University.

And roller coasters are for kids. Kids think they're thrilling. When you get to be a certain age, a roller coaster ride just makes it hard to keep from spilling your coffee.

Sometimes it takes a while for a roller coaster to get going. There's a slow climb to the top, and then the bottom falls out.

That's how it was.

It started last spring, maybe early in the summer. All our projections for new students seemed incredibly strong. It looked like we would have the largest new freshman class in our history.

Week after week, month after month, the numbers stayed strong. We track these things carefully. The number of students who have applied. The number who have been accepted. The number who've made a deposit.

All the numbers were up.

There were warning signs, to be sure. Hints of what could be coming. The number of applications was way

up, but so was the number of cancellations.

We were watching closely as each day passed. We kept getting closer to the day new students were to show up for orientation.

That day came. Many students showed up. Most came with their parents. A few came alone. One showed up with a bus filled with friends from high school.

The new students were met by upperclassmen, staff, and faculty to welcome them and help them move in. This group included leaders from student government and players from various athletic teams.

(I love this tradition, by the way. It's such a far cry from what happens in professional sports. In the NBA and NFL, for example, the newcomers—the rookies—are expected to serve the veterans. Bring them water, carry their shoulder pads off the field after practice, etc. On our campus, the "veterans" serve the "rookies.")

I remember bumping into Dr. Paul

Banas that first day of arrivals. He's our VP for Student Development, in charge of all the welcoming and orientation procedures.

When I asked him how things were going, he replied, "The students that are showing up are great, but there are still lots of nametags on the table."

In the coming days, it turned out that there were more than a hundred nametags that remained on the table, unclaimed by new students.

That's when our roller coaster ride got exciting.

A university like ours is referred to as "tuition-driven." That means, obviously, that most of our funds come from student tuition.

Fewer students means less money. A lot less money.

We plan carefully and spend frugally, but as our financial realities plummeted downward, we could see clearly that we had a big problem.

It gets a little complicated at this point, involving reserve funds,

**Members of Northwest University's Student Government and of various athletic teams helped new students move in this fall.**

PHOTO BY JOHN VICORY







Dr. Don Argue, Chancellor (right), presents a check to Dr. Joseph Castleberry, Northwest University's President, which was received from *Hobby Lobby* in Oklahoma. The gift was \$1.5 million.



John and Rose Smith with twins Regan and Eljin, born on August 19, 2010. Rose is NU's VP for Enrollment, and she seems to be getting a jump start on the Class of 2032.

covenants for our bond financing, employee contracts, and so forth.

We knew we had to work on two fronts. First, we had to make cuts (or find more funds) to balance the budget. Second, we had to find out what went wrong. Why were our expectations for new students so inaccurate?

On the first front, everyone began to work together to cut expenses. When it became apparent that these cuts would involve paychecks and benefits, people communicated and brainstormed to find ways to make the cuts as fair as possible and as painless as possible.

On October 7, we announced a series of pay cuts and benefit reductions to our employees. We promised that, if possible, the pay cuts would be the first thing that would be restored to the budget.

These pay cuts were never implemented. We didn't know it that day, but a check dated Oct. 7, for \$1.5 million, was on a desk in Oklahoma, waiting to be signed and mailed. It was at the headquarters of a business called *Hobby Lobby*.

The check arrived a few days later, and it stopped our headlong plunge.

The check wasn't a total surprise. We had asked for it. It was the result of years of building a friendship with Mart Green of *Hobby Lobby*, and involved our Chancellor, Dr. Don Argue, as well as Dr. Joseph Castleberry, President, and Dan Neary, Executive Vice President.

A significant part of the check was earmarked for financial aid for new students, specifically students who could come this spring.

That was due to our work on the second area—what went wrong? Why did students who said they were coming fail to show up?

While our investigations and work continue, it seems straightforward. Many students wanted to come—felt called to come—but didn't, simply because they couldn't afford it.

Most of the students who attend Northwest University—more than 90% in fact—receive some sort of financial aid.

Your financial support makes it possible for students to attend Northwest University. Your help is an investment in their future and in yours. After all, these students will become the pastors in your pulpits,

the teachers in your classrooms, the nurses in your hospitals, and the managers in your organizations.

On page 16, there's information about *The President's Circle*, the group of people who give to **The Northwest Fund** and help provide scholarships to our students. I invite you to read it and respond with a contribution.

Whether or not you make a gift, you can help by pointing prospective students in our direction. On page 9, there are lists of our undergraduate and graduate programs.

It seems clear that more students than ever want to attend Northwest University. The challenge, which we can meet with your support, is to help them find a way to pay for it.

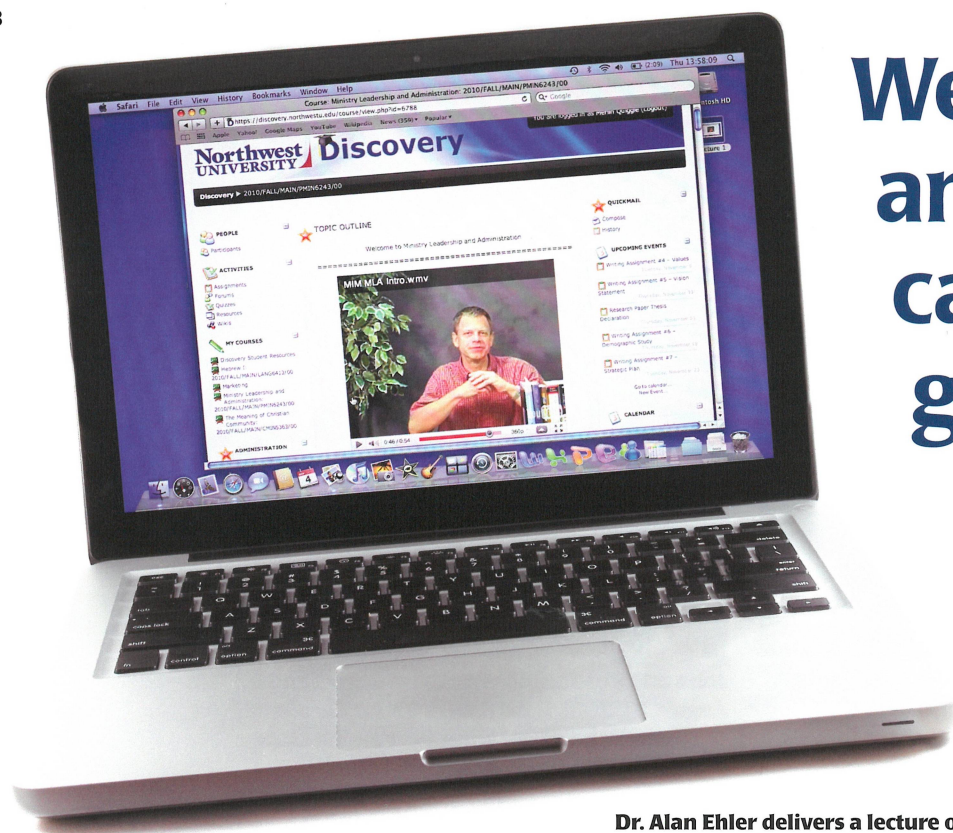
## Fitness Center & Study Hall

Jessica Henderson, a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education, is one of many students who use the new Fitness Center at Northwest University but also turn it into a study hall. As she works out on a treadmill, Jessica reads one of her textbooks. The Fitness Center exists because of the financial gifts of our donors. On behalf of the students, athletes, and staff who use it every day, we say "Thanks!"

PHOTO BY MERLIN QUIGGLE







# We now have an additional campus for our graduate degrees in ministry...

**IF KIRKLAND IS TOO FAR,  
WE'RE NOW LOCATED  
WHEREVER YOU ARE**

**Dr. Alan Ehler delivers a lecture online for a class in the Master of Ministry program.**

**Y**ou can now take classes online towards earning a Master's Degree in Ministry from Northwest University.

In the coming months, the opportunities to learn online will continue to expand.

"We have wanted to offer programs online for quite a while," states Dr. Jim Heugel, the University's Provost (chief academic officer). "We didn't jump too quickly because we wanted to ensure that what we offer is of the highest quality. We are tremendously pleased with the courses we now offer, and we are excited about the future."

The programs with the most classes online are the new **Master in Ministry** and the **Master of Arts in Missional Leadership**.

The **Master in Ministry** was created as a hybrid program, with a mixture of online and on-campus classes. The program is now in full swing.

And starting next year, this degree will be totally online, to serve students around the country and even around the world.

"The Master in Ministry is designed to give those with a bachelor's degree in another subject a biblical, theological and practical ministry foundation to gain credentials and fulfill a ministry calling," explains Dr. Alan Ehler, who directs this degree program.

The **MA in Missional Leadership** is a program designed primarily for those already in ministry. Attending classes in person during certain times of the year (Christmas and Easter, primarily) was presenting a burden. To serve these students better, online classes have been developed for courses that would normally be on campus during these times.

## ONLINE EXPERTISE

Our ability to offer great classes online is to a great extent the result of the experience we have gained in recent years using the web to enhance many of our regular classes.

We use a system called **Discovery**, by which each class can offer students a variety of resources, including the syllabus, bibliography, exercises, and other resources. Students can upload papers and other assignments online. It's faster, more convenient, and more environmentally sensitive.

It also, surprisingly enough to those who haven't experienced it, can help provide a greater sense of community.

Typical assignments for either on-campus or online classes can require a student to read certain material, write a response or an evaluation, and post it as a commentary. Each student in the class then responds to what the others have submitted.

In some circles, this is called a forum. In

the web at large, it's also called a threaded discussion.

"There are numerous interactive opportunities available to professors and students in our online classes," reports Ben Thomas, Director of Extended Education. "Resources include video lectures, class discussions, podcasting, wikis, and more."

"Our online courses offer many of the capabilities that traditional courses do. For example, students can create individual presentations or they can collaborate and present group projects," Ben adds.

"The goal of every online class is to provide each student with three strong and rewarding interactions," notes Lis Kraus, the Associate Director of Curriculum in the Office of Extended Education. "These interactions are with the subject material, with the professor, and with the other students."

To learn more about online classes, call **877.4523.5327** or visit [www.northwestu.edu](http://www.northwestu.edu).

## 17 students at Southern Idaho site

This fall, Northwest University launched a new site at the Southern Idaho Assemblies of God District Office in Nampa to serve students in the region. Seventeen students joined a cohort working towards an Associate in Christian Leadership or a Bachelor of Arts in Ministry Leadership degree.

Courses are offered through the LEAP (Leadership Education for Adult Professionals) model—one class at a time, one night a week, for five weeks. This allows adults to pursue higher education while continuing with their

ministries and career responsibilities.

The students in this Southern Idaho cohort represent several backgrounds, including senior pastors, worship leaders, youth pastors, and those desiring to enter full time ministry.

While many students live locally, some are traveling up to 150 miles to participate in this cohort. Following an initial launch consisting of orientation activities and the first night of class, it is clear that students at this site are excited to broaden their knowledge in order to better serve their local churches.





## First Grads: MA in Missional Leadership

Bethany von Steinbergs, Ray Jennings, Sandy Jennings, Ron Boehme, Tyson de Vries, and Nick Buhler held their new degrees after Commencement on May 8, 2010. They were the first graduates of the Master of Arts in Missional Leadership program.

## The Big Ten (NU Graduate Degrees)

### Master in Ministry

Designed to prepare students—intellectually, spiritually, and functionally—for vocational lay ministry. The program is structured to be completed in just four semesters over 16 months.

### MA in Theology and Culture

Develop thinking and practice that is biblically informed and creatively faithful to the historic mission of the Christian faith.

### MA in Missional Leadership

Develop a framework to understand motivation and other leadership issues. Learn to live out the gospel so it is experienced in community.

### Master in Teaching

If you want to make a contribution to the world around you, become a teacher. There may be no better way to invest in the future.

### Master of Education

Reach two goals simultaneously—earn the Master of Education degree and the Washington State Professional Teacher Certificate.

### Master of Business Administration

Gain the competence that is necessary to make sound business decisions, as well as the integrity required to make good moral choices.

### MA in Social Entrepreneurship

Become a “social entrepreneur” — recognize a social problem and use business principles to organize a venture to create social change.

### MA in International Care and Community Development

Prepare for context-sensitive leadership in meeting the needs of the poor and the oppressed, both in the U.S. and overseas.

### MA in Counseling Psychology

Prepare to serve your community as a licensed mental health counselor. This program has a unique multicultural focus.

### PsyD in Counseling Psychology

This five-year program (a BA is the prerequisite) prepares students to serve in diverse community settings as a counseling psychologist.

To find out more, visit [www.northwestu.edu](http://www.northwestu.edu) or call **877.453.5327**



## LEAP adds major in Elementary Education

The LEAP program at Northwest University (Leadership Education for Adult Professionals) has added a new major: *Elementary Education and the Humanities*. It will enable those without a BA to earn that degree and then advance to earn the MIT (the Master in Teaching).

This degree will join the majors already in place: *Ministry Leadership, Business Management, and Psychology*.

For more information, call **877.453.5327** or visit [www.northwestu.edu](http://www.northwestu.edu).

Beth Backes is a student in the LEAP program.

## Did you know? Northwest University now offers more than 60 Bachelor's Degree Programs

Audio Production Technology	● ▲
Biblical Languages	●
Biblical Literature	■
Biblical Studies	●
Biology (pre-med)	■ ● ▲
Business Administration	■ ●
Business Management	■
Chemistry	●
Children's Ministries	■ ●
Christian Leadership	■
Communication	■ ●
Communication & Preaching	■ ●
Contemporary Music Industry	■
Counseling Psychology	▲
Cultural Psychology	● ▲
Drama/Theatre Arts Education	● ▲
Elementary Education	■ ▲
English	■ ▲
English as a Second Language/TESL	● ▲
Environmental Science	■ ●
Film Studies	▲
Finance/Accounting	■ ●
General Ministries	■
General Studies	■
Health & Fitness	▲
Health Science	■
History	■ ●
Humanities	▲
Intercultural Studies	■
Interdisciplinary Studies	■
Legal Studies	▲
Linguistics	▲
Literature	● ▲
Management	■ ●
Marketing	■ ●
Marriage & Family Studies	▲
Mathematics	■ ● ▲
Media Ministry	●
Media Studies	▲
Ministry Leadership	■
Music	■ ●
Music Education	■
Music Industry Business	▲
Music Ministry	■
New Testament Greek	●
Nursing	■
Organizational Behavior	▲
Organizational Communication	▲
Pastoral Care	●
Pastoral Ministries	■ ●
Political Science	■ ▲
Political Science & History	■
Psychology	■ ●
Public Affairs	▲
Religion & Philosophy	■
Secondary Education	■
Science	▲
Social Studies Education	▲
University Ministries	●
Writing	■ ● ▲
Youth Ministries	■ ●

■ Majors ● Minors  
▲ Concentrations/Endorsements

For more information, call **800.669.3781**  
or visit [www.northwestu.edu/undergraduate](http://www.northwestu.edu/undergraduate)



**the peloton** is the main group of riders in a bicycle race. The word is French, and it literally means “little ball” or “platoon.”

Dr. Alan Ehler, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministries at Northwest University, understands the peloton. Not from reading about one in books, or watching the Tour de France on television, but by being in the peloton in actual bicycle races. (He’s in the yellow jersey at left.)

“You can ride faster in a peloton,” he explains. “Riding in a group reduces wind resistance by up to 40%, which helps increase your average speed by two to eight miles per hour.”

Riders can’t just stay in the middle of the peloton and get the benefits. They take turns riding in the front and “taking wind.”

**GROWING UP** in Colorado, Alan loved maps, and wanted to become a map-maker.

“When I was in seventh grade,” he recalls, “an older cousin who was a civil engineer challenged me by asking, ‘Wouldn’t you rather decide where the roads go, instead of where they are?’”

So he went off to college to become a civil engineer. He had been in college less than two months when he felt a call to ministry.

“I was encouraged to fulfill my ROTC commitment, so I finished my degree and became an officer in the Air Force.”

He was stationed in Las Vegas, Turkey, and Germany, earning promotions and becoming a captain.

He also began to build for a future in ministry, earning an MA in Religion.

**LEAVING THE** Air Force in 1995, Alan became Associate Pastor at Bellevue Neighborhood Church, then in 2000 became the Lead Pastor at Warm Beach Community Church in Stanwood. He also continued to build his education, earning a Master of Divinity equivalent and then a Doctor of Ministry degree.

Along the way, he began to teach occasional courses at Northwest University. By 2008, both Alan and the University felt he was called to join the faculty full-time, which he did.

“I serve our pastoral ministry students in three ways,” Alan explains. “I help them clarify their call, I help equip them for ministry, and I help them find places of ministry after they graduate.”

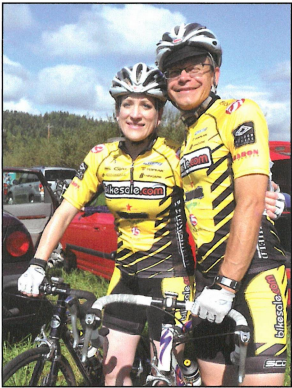
**RIDING A BICYCLE** was just something Alan did, from the time he was seven years old. When he was pastoring in Stanwood, he started saving for a new mountain bike. But then a friend persuaded him to consider a road bike.

When he won an auction on eBay for a road bike, it was the start of a new hobby. “I fell in love with road biking,” says Alan. “And I really appreciated the new cycling community that I was able to enter.” Alan’s wife Keira also began to ride.

“I can use a bicycle to commute, which helps me stay in shape and gives me more energy,” Alan states. “It’s an activity I share with my wife, and it’s something that has helped us make some great new friends.”

Last year Alan and Keira joined the Cascade Club, which has more than 10,000 members. They ride with this club for recreation, and they race with *bikesale.com*.

For the Ehlers, bicycling is an exercise in community. “It has given us the right to be heard. We’ve invited fellow riders to church, and they have invited us into their homes.”



DR. ALAN EHLER IN CLASS, ABOVE, AND WITH HIS WIFE, KEIRA, WHO ALSO RACES.

## FACULTY FOCUS

# ALAN EHLER





a professor's view  
from inside  
the **peloton**

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Story and Photos by Merlin Quiggle



# Creatio

**new**  
this is the ^ studio they call



The **Creatio** Project at Northwest University is excited about the completion of the “Mama Bear” Studio – the brand new, state-of-the-art recording environment in the 11220 building.

According to Jeff Lockhart, the Executive Director of **Creatio**, “We are grateful to Cedar Park Church and Pastor Joe Fuiten for the generous gift of studio

equipment that includes the latest in digital and industry-standard recording equipment.”

The studio is a modern layout utilizing a non-paralleled wall control room and tracking/isolation rooms on either side.

Each area is beautifully decorated, lit, and environmentally controlled to inspire a wonderful creative and

educational experience.

“Students in our Recording Arts Technology and Music Industry Business programs already are engaged in several campus and commercial recording projects,” reports Lockhart, “and the studio has been in high demand since its first month of operation.”

The audio equipment in this



# “mama bear”

PHOTO BY MERLIN QUIGGLE AND JOHN VICORY



new studio includes:

- Avid ICON console 32 faders, multiple layers (track count 192, 128 instrument tracks, 256 midi tracks)
- Pro Tools HD5 Accel system with Magma Expansion Chassis
- Mic Pre's: API, Chandler, and Digidesign
- EQ's: Vintech and Chameleon Labs

- Dynamics: Distressors, dbx, and Drawmer
- Monitors: Event Opals, KRK VXT-8s, and NS-10s
- Microphones: Neumann, Audio Technica, Audix, Sennheiser, SE, and Shure.

#### ENJOYING THE NEW STUDIO:

Jeff Lockhart, Executive Director; students Tristen Cox, Keila Garza, and Kaitlyn Rasmussen; and Steve Smith, Creative Director.

For more information about **Creatio**, please call **800.669.3781** or visit [www.northwestu.edu](http://www.northwestu.edu)



# The Christian university is the arena of spiritual warfare

# Battleground

## AN EXCERPT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S 2010 CONVOCATION ADDRESS

By Joseph Castleberry, EdD

Today... I want to focus on the very literal implications of Paul's sober words in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5: *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

Paul does not say a single word here about demons, principalities, or powers. It is not his point that they don't exist. He clearly says in other places that they do. But his point here is that the arena of spiritual warfare where we human beings act most strategically and appropriately is on the intellectual level.

Notice the words he uses to describe our foes: "arguments and pretensions and thoughts" that resist the knowledge of God and the obedience of Christ.

Given this Pauline emphasis, it is obvious that our academic work as a Christian university constitutes spiritual warfare on a very high level.

Notice what Paul says in Ephesians 6:12, one of his most celebrated passages about our warfare: *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm, then, with the belt of*

*truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to this, take the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

Our battle is not with flesh and blood, but rather with principalities and powers. Therefore, we should put on the whole armor of God: truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, the Word of God, the gospel of peace, and prayer in the Spirit. These are all *verbal categories*. These powerful realities are *ideas* that change the world. Demonic forces are hardly immune to such powerful forces, in fact, they are no match for them at all.

If we had time for a thorough exploration of Pauline theology, I would explain Paul's understanding of how the basic elements of the world (in Greek, the *stoikeia tou kosmou*), things such as time and space, government and commerce, religion and culture, sex and death, science and reason—and perhaps even invisible spiritual structures of reality we can't even begin to study—all of these structures have been subjected to the bondage and decay of evil.

I would point out that these things are part of the created order and are in themselves good. But their inherent goodness has been constricted and often even spoiled by their subjection to the powers of evil. Paul says that they eagerly await their freedom when the day comes, and the children of God are once and for all revealed.

As we apply ourselves to research into the world and its structures through the arts and sciences, we discover *truth* (all of which belongs to God), but also the stain of evil's bondage. That means that, in all of our academic fields, there are ideas and pretensions that challenge, deny, and usurp the role of God.



To hear the complete Convocation address, please visit [www.northwestu.edu/ministry/chapel/schedule](http://www.northwestu.edu/ministry/chapel/schedule).



In all of our fields, there are pretenders to divinity, opponents of the knowledge of God, and strongholds that bind people up and rob them of the glorious freedom of the children of God.

But the warfare doesn't stop at the sublime levels of high academic discourse. It continues all the way down to the water cooler, to casual banter in the world of everyday conversation. Our normal social lives are spiritual warfare too, subject to the same bondage as any other form of human interaction.

Given the reality that spiritual warfare is an intellectual enterprise, the Christian university stands today at ground zero in the battle for the hearts and minds of our world.

### Integration of Faith and Learning

No other institution in our society concentrates primarily on the issue of the integration of faith and learning.

We have been charged by the Body of Christ with the task of deeply considering all pretenders to truth, unmasking the imposters, and disarming them in their stand against the knowledge of God.

But at the same time as we demolish falsehoods, we are charged with embracing and defending all truths, especially building ramparts around unpopular truths. God's truth, wherever it may be found, will always have its opponents, both inside the Kingdom of God and outside. If only we lived in the precincts of the perfectly sanctified people—a neighborhood that I have given up seeking in this world—our task would be easier.

### Proximity to Young Leaders

Our position at ground zero in the battle for truth is also detectable in the fact that no other institution that asks hard questions about faith and truth stands in such close proximity to young leaders as we do. The future of God's mission in the world, the success of the Church, the salvation of the lost, and the fulfillment of America's national destiny are either enhanced or determined by whether or not we are able to pass on our passionate pursuit of God's truth to a new generation of leaders.

In every classroom, every corridor, every sporting field or court, every dorm-room bull session, we are fighting a spiritual war for the future of the world. There is nothing casual in the world.

Let no one assume that I am suggesting that there is no room for fun among us. It is my intention that whether we are students or staff or professors, we should have more fun at Northwest than we have ever had in any place or at any time in our lives.

The anecdotes of a hundred generations of soldiers testify that there is no camaraderie like that which exists among soldiers. There is nothing more spiritual than having fun—whether the spirituality of the fun be good or bad.

But fun is not neutral, and it happens in the midst of our warfare.

Let no one assume either that in discussing spiritual warfare I am calling Christians to anything that remotely resembles the jihad of the radical Wahabist Muslim.

### A Warfare of Love

Our warfare is one of love. We are to disarm and win over our neighbors through the power of godly ideas, not with the weapons of worldly warfare, but by the whole armor of God—truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, the Gospel, the Word of God, and prayer. Our demeanor is not that of violence, but of love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith, longsuffering, and self-control.

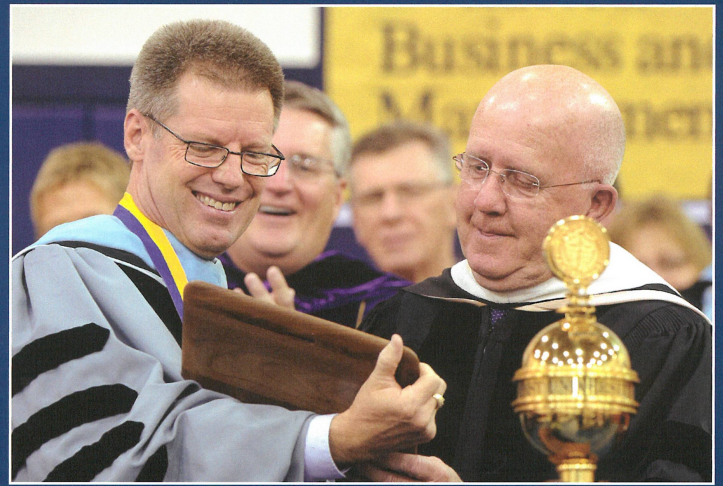
Our enemy is the spiritual power of evil, and no human being. As Unamuno paraphrased the ancient Roman comedian Terentius "Soy hombre, a ningún otro hombre estimo extraño." (I am a man, so I consider no other man to be strange.)

As sinners saved by grace, we are only one prayer ahead of any other person on earth. Let us spare no effort, avoid no challenge, nor leave unpaid any sacrifice to help them bring every thought captive to Christ so they may freely say that prayer.

So, as we begin this new academic year, let us be mindful that we are no mere learning community of teachers and scholars and researchers and workers and students.

We are the army of God, engaged in a spiritual battle. We are not unarmed, and our weapons are powerful. Truth, righteousness, salvation, faith, and the Gospel itself are at our grasp. We have the power of prayer in the Spirit.

As the year winds on, let us not fail to reach out for those weapons and gain sweet victory through their use.



## Dr. LeRoy Johnson named first Meritorious Professor, four named Full Professors

Dr. LeRoy Johnson was appointed to the rank of Meritorious Professor by the Northwest University Board of Directors. The official presentation was at the 2010 Academic Convocation.

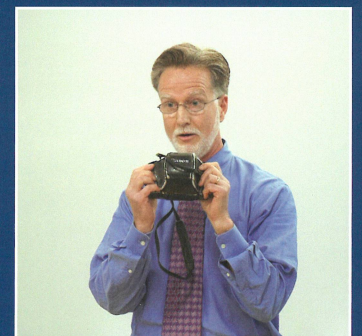
The rank of Meritorious Professor awards special recognition to faculty members who have rendered outstanding service to the University through their exemplary service as teachers and mentors," stated Dr. Jim Heugel, Provost.

Dr. Johnson began teaching at Northwest University in 1967, as a professor of history. His commitment to Northwest is also evidenced in his involvement outside the classroom, including his service on governance committees, tenure as assistant basketball coach, regular attendance in chapel, and participation in the life of the student body.

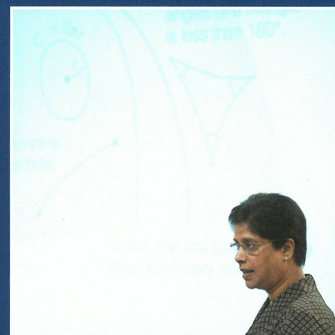
In another action, four faculty members (below) were promoted to Full Professor. At the special event, they each made a presentation in their area of specialization.



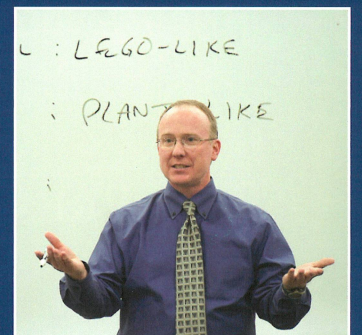
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Business | Political Science  
*Securitization of the Northwest Passage*



**DR. DON DOTY**  
Business and Management  
*Innovation*



**DR. MILLICENT THOMAS**  
Mathematics  
*My Journey So Far*



**DR. JACK WISEMORE**  
Philosophy  
*Taxonomies of Human Ontology*



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This year, less than half of the students who applied to Northwest University actually came.

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Many of those who do graduate will be heavily burdened by the loans they were forced to take.

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## HEARING FROM AN EXPERT ON LEAVING A LEGACY:

# There are just two ways for your estate to be passed on: by *default* or by *design*

Donors and friends of Northwest University attended a free workshop on Oct. 28 with Alan Pratt, founder of Pratt Legacy Advisors, who has 30 years of experience in financial services.

His message was simple but encouraging: there are just two ways you pass down your estate: by default (if you do nothing) or by design (if you set up a plan).

Many people, he noted, put off preparing a plan because it seems such a difficult and complex process. His advice: just get started.

"No plan is perfect," he explained. "And every plan needs to be kept up to date. This is not a once-in-a-lifetime event. It's an ongoing process."

Your estate can go three different directions: to people, to programs, or to taxes.

"With the default plan (in which you do nothing), your money may go places—such as taxes—that you did not intend," he said. "With the design plan (in which you take control), you can direct your estate and determine your own legacy."

Alan also emphasized the importance of working with your family as you develop your plan. "This is something you do *with* your family and not *at* your family," he suggested.

This workshop was part of a series hosted by the Northwest University Foundation. No products or services are sold, and those who attend are not asked to sign up for anything.



For more information about future seminars, or to discuss ways to move from default to design, please contact Joni Campbell in the **Legacy Giving Department** at Northwest University.

**425.889.5203**

[joni.campbell@northwestu.edu](mailto:joni.campbell@northwestu.edu)







## 304 new alumni

Lisset Villa was one of 304 graduates to receive degrees at Northwest University's 74th Commencement program on May 8, 2010. For photo galleries of all the graduates and honorees, please visit [www.northwestu.edu](http://www.northwestu.edu).

# alumni news

## 1960's

**Marlene (Jones) Shockley** ('60) is the bookstore director and nursery volunteer at her church in Mount Vernon, Wash. She is thankful to live near both of her children and their families.

E-mail: [ms4jc@ortelco.net](mailto:ms4jc@ortelco.net)

**John Wilkie** ('66) retired from missions in August 2010. He is currently a missionary in residence for Northwest University and an on-site coordinator for the Southern Idaho site of Northwest University.

E-mail: [john.wilkie@northwestu.edu](mailto:john.wilkie@northwestu.edu)

**Frank Davis** ('67) has been pastoring Vashon Island Community Church for the past 21 years. He and his wife **Pamela** ('66) have three children and 17 grandchildren.

E-mail: [frankrdavis@centurytel.net](mailto:frankrdavis@centurytel.net)

**Betty (Ballenger) Volin** ('67) recently moved to Yuma, Ariz. with her husband. Betty taught accounting at Los Rios Community College District/American River College in Sacramento for the past five years as an adjunct professor. Betty loved developing friendships with fellow NU students. She also vividly remembers singing and traveling with the concert choir and would love to catch up with old friends!

E-mail: [bbvoli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbvoli@sbcglobal.net)

**Ruth (Franks) Stephens** ('68) would love to connect with old friends from Northwest.

E-mail: [rstephens37@msn.com](mailto:rstephens37@msn.com)

**Margaret Wetterling** ('68) recently went on a short-term missions trip to Botswana and Namibia.

E-mail: [aarmar@eotnet.net](mailto:aarmar@eotnet.net)

**Sharon (Wagner) Turner** ('69) is a piano teacher, has produced three piano CDs, and written a piano instruction book. Her husband Layne is a retired minister and they currently attend Church on the Green Assembly of God in Sun City West, Ariz.

E-mail: [turner.sharon22@yahoo.com](mailto:turner.sharon22@yahoo.com)

## 1970's

**Pierre Selstad** ('70) would love to reconnect with his friends and associates from Northwest University.

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**David Craig** ('72) completed his last treatment for cancer last year. God used a twelve-year battle to teach him valuable lessons. The result is the publication of his story by WinePress Publishing Group in a book called *It's OK to Fail the Test, As Long as You Learn the Lesson!*

E-mail: [ccraig12@cox.net](mailto:ccraig12@cox.net)

**James Bolton** ('74) received a Master of Divinity degree from Melodyland School of Theology in Anaheim, Calif., in 1980. After that he went back to Spokane and spent many years in nursing home ministry, tract

evangelism, and free-lance writing. In 2005 he got married to Aliza and moved to Lexington, S.C. Currently James writes for *examiner.com* as the Columbia Christian Examiner.

E-mail: [jstarbolt@mindspring.com](mailto:jstarbolt@mindspring.com)

**Mark Flatau** ('75) has completed his fifth year as Superintendent at the Cle Elum-Roslyn School District. Mark married his Northwest University sweetheart, **Gayle (Baltrusch)**, in 1976, and they recently celebrated their 34th anniversary. Mark and Gayle have two wonderful kids, Melissa, a full-time mom living in San Diego, and Philip, a doctor and captain in the Air Force, living in Florida.

E-mail: [flataum@cleelum.wednet.edu](mailto:flataum@cleelum.wednet.edu)

**Nathaniel Thomas** ('77) and his wife Sylvia are living stateside after serving in Romania as missionaries for eight years. Nathaniel was recently promoted to Chief of Psychology at Oregon State Hospital. Sylvia is pursuing a master's degree in Theology. They have four daughters: Kristina, Elisabeth, Olivia, and Julia.

E-mail: [nathanielbthomas@gmail.com](mailto:nathanielbthomas@gmail.com)

**Larry Anderson** ('78) had malaria and dengue fever in Indonesia last November, but thankfully his health is back to normal. He is currently co-leading the Discipleship Training School at YWAM Discovery Bay in Port Townsend, Wash. He is also leading the seniors' class at Christ Memorial Church in Poulsbo where he started in youth ministry 32 years ago.

E-mail: [bonesfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:bonesfamily@yahoo.com)



**Rosemarie (Daher) Kowalski** ('78) enjoyed five weeks of the summer in Southeast Asia in ministry, teaching, and visiting with other NU alums.  
E-mail: [rosemarie.kowalski@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarie.kowalski@gmail.com)

**David Williams** ('78) is thankful to all of his friends and family for prayers while their eldest son Matthew was serving in Iraq this past year. Their younger son Justin is married to Jenna, and they are expecting their third son in November.

**Debbie (Wolfe) Roth** ('79) has one son, Andre (10). She works for a software company providing services and education to non-profits to aid in their fundraising efforts. Debbie and Andre attend Evergreen Christian Center in Hillsboro, Ore.  
E-mail: [debbie.roth@hotmail.com](mailto:debbie.roth@hotmail.com)

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## 1980's

**Oran Denton** ('80) recently became the Pastor of Outreach and Evangelism at Harvest Heights Assembly of God in Kennewick, Wash. His wife Robin will be credentialed in the fall and join him on staff as a co-pastor.  
E-mail: [odenton1a@msn.com](mailto:odenton1a@msn.com)

**Rick Ellis** ('81) and **Laurel (Devin) Ellis** ('80) are Assemblies of God Missionaries to Chile. They have been excited to see how God has provided for the construction of their church in Arauco. They request prayer for either property or a building to buy in Concepcion for another church.  
E-mail: [rick.ellis@agmd.org](mailto:rick.ellis@agmd.org)

**John Young** ('81) currently serves as a teacher for the Battle Ground school district in Vancouver, Wash. John would love to connect with his friends from Northwest.  
E-mail: [jcyoung1982@comcast.net](mailto:jcyoung1982@comcast.net)

**Shirley (Thompson) Hobart** ('82) lost her husband of 26 years, Lorne, who went home to be with the Lord in February 2010. Shirley reinstated her minister license and is serving her church in Plains, Mont. and volunteering at the Healings Room in Spokane, Wash.  
E-mail: [hobart\\_shirly@yahoo.com](mailto:hobart_shirly@yahoo.com)

**Tim McGee** ('82) finished a master's degree from National University in Counseling Psychology in July 2009.  
E-mail: [timothymcgee@charter.net](mailto:timothymcgee@charter.net)

**Ron Almberg** ('83) became a real estate agent after almost 25 years of pastoral ministry. Ron and his wife, **Kelly** ('86) recently moved to Tri-Cities, Wash. Kelly teaches math at Chief Joseph Middle School to special education students. They would love to hear from all their friends.  
E-mail: [ronwa51161@yahoo.com](mailto:ronwa51161@yahoo.com)

**Chris Graves** ('83) and his family are faithfully serving a church in North Central Idaho and running a business. His first two grandchildren are on the way.  
E-mail: [countrydad8@gmail.com](mailto:countrydad8@gmail.com)

**Janet Salmon** ('83/'04) completed her Masters in Nursing at the University of Washington in 2009 and graduated from the University of Washington in June 2010 with her Doctorate of Nursing Practice.  
E-mail: [janetsymphony@yahoo.com](mailto:janetsymphony@yahoo.com)

**Lynette (Munger) Smith** ('83) published a book through Regina Orthodox Press entitled, *VOYAGE: A Quest for God within Orthodox Christian Tradition*.  
E-mail: [lynette@lynetteasmith.com](mailto:lynette@lynetteasmith.com)

**Michelle (Ross) Andersen** ('84) was married to **Ronald** ('86) for 21 years before his unexpected death, at age 46, on May 3, 2010. He will also be missed by their sons, Ross (14) and Bryce (10). Michelle would love to hear from Northwest friends, especially at this sad time.  
E-mail: [andersen.michelle5@gmail.com](mailto:andersen.michelle5@gmail.com)

**Rhoda Berrios** ('86) is busy raising her twin sons and returned to school this fall in order to complete her masters. Her husband is serving in the U.S. Navy in Afghanistan.  
E-mail: [rhodaberrios@yahoo.com](mailto:rhodaberrios@yahoo.com)

**Wendy Whitaker** ('86) is in Honduras for a year teaching English and music at a school in the mountains where previously there was no secondary education.  
E-mail: [holawendia@yahoo.com](mailto:holawendia@yahoo.com)

**Donald Forbush** ('87) and his wife Patty live in Lake Chelan, Wash., where they operate a small bed and breakfast. Donald is semi-retired, but keeps busy at the small local hospital as an on-call chaplain.  
E-mail: [don@thestillwaterinn.com](mailto:don@thestillwaterinn.com)

**Joani (Brothers) Teixeira** ('87) and her husband, **Mike** ('86) recently relocated to Washington state and are taking a four-month sabbatical from full-time ministry. They planted and were lead pastors of Harvest Church in Las Vegas for the last 17 years.  
E-mail: [jn.teixeira@yahoo.com](mailto:jn.teixeira@yahoo.com)

**Jo Ann (Colon) Cavazos** ('88) and her husband Daniel will be celebrating 19 years of marriage. Jo Ann is currently working as a social worker for low income families.  
E-mail: [jcolon1266@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcolon1266@sbcglobal.net)

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## 1990's

**Rod Hurst** ('92) is currently the pastor of Grace Episcopal Church in Carlsbad, N.M. Rod would love to connect with his friends from Northwest University.  
E-mail: [grace.mentor@windstream.net](mailto:grace.mentor@windstream.net)

**Kelly Kirschman** ('92) and his family moved to Great Falls, Mont., and Kelly joined the staff of Central Assembly of God.  
E-mail: [kellykirschman@yahoo.com](mailto:kellykirschman@yahoo.com)

**Jennifer (Turner) Samson** ('92) recently became a broker for John L. Scott in Bellevue, Wash. In her spare time she loves to kayak with her family, run with girlfriends, and drink lattes.  
E-mail: [scrapyrunner@gmail.com](mailto:scrapyrunner@gmail.com)

**Kimberly (Wisdom) Kennell** ('94) and her husband recently returned from Ethiopia with their two new daughters. They have moved to a new home on 3.5 acres of walnut orchards. They love it all!  
E-mail: [kennelfamily@gmail.com](mailto:kennelfamily@gmail.com)

**Molly (Galbreath) McFadden** ('97) married Scott in July. In August she was honored as the *Ed Erickson Career and Technical Teacher of the Year* at the Washington Association of Career and Technical Educators summer conference.  
E-mail: [molljmc@gmail.com](mailto:molljmc@gmail.com)

**Lori (Anderson) Brezicha** ('98) would love to get reacquainted with her classmates and friends from Northwest University.  
E-mail: [tootamus@msn.com](mailto:tootamus@msn.com)

**Faithe (Mote) Brown** ('98) recently moved to Thiuesies, Belgium, with her husband and two children. She loved the fellowship with her classmates at Northwest University and is interested in staying connected.  
E-mail: [faithe.kelly.brown@gmail.com](mailto:faithe.kelly.brown@gmail.com)

**Rodney** ('99) and **Avrie (Slocum) Stock** ('99) and their children Ellie (9), Riley (7), and Peter (2) are living in Montana and doing great. They would love to hear from old college friends.  
E-mail: [avenrodstock@yahoo.com](mailto:avenrodstock@yahoo.com)

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## 2000's

**Dusty Bruland** ('00) is a police officer for the City of Bellingham, Wash. He and his wife Raeann have been married eight years and have two kids, Brady (3) and Kylee (2).  
E-mail: [bruce777@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce777@hotmail.com)

**Matt Cuellar** ('02) is an Outside Sales Representative at Konica Minolta in Seattle and handles business technology and equipment sales in Kirkland and Redmond.  
E-mail: [mattcuellar@comcast.net](mailto:mattcuellar@comcast.net)

**Joel Green** ('02) finished his Masters in Nursing - Education in March 2010 with honors. He was also inducted into *Sigma Theta Tau*, the National Honor Society for Nursing.  
E-mail: [rollrules@hotmail.com](mailto:rollrules@hotmail.com)

**Michael Helin** ('02) is currently involved with the Assemblies of God World Missions.  
E-mail: [michael.helin@agmd.org](mailto:michael.helin@agmd.org)

**Nathan** ('02) and **Kareen (Hansen) Moser** ('03) live in Kansas with their three children Chase, Eliana, and Abigail. Nathan finished his M.Div. at Gordon Conwell Seminary and is now doing further graduate studies at the University of Kansas.  
E-mail: [nathanandkareen@hotmail.com](mailto:nathanandkareen@hotmail.com)

**Catherine Small** ('02) graduated from Gonzaga University in May 2010 with her Masters in Anesthesiology Education and will be practicing as a CRNA in Raleigh, N.C.



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Tim Ohai reacts to a comment by Christina Gard at the Student Alumni Chapel on Oct. 15, in a conversation moderated by Dustin Shirley (far left).

# Alumni of the Year

PROFILES BY **DUSTIN SHIRLEY**  
ALUMNI DIRECTOR

## Tim Ohai

"Seriously, you guys, it's like chasing rabbits!"

This is how Alumni of the Year recipient Tim Ohai described the thoughts churning in his head as he began to speak at the Student Alumni Chapel.

It was easy for me to see why the Alumni Association Board wanted to honor Tim and have him tell his story. I was fortunate enough to have met Tim while he was at NU and played against him on the football field.

After he graduated from Northwest (then College) in 1993, Tim moved back to his childhood home of Hawaii. He was happily working as a teacher, coach, and youth pastor when he met and married his wife, Diana, in 1999. Feeling a call to change careers, Diana and Tim moved to California, where he began working in the corporate world.

Quickly climbing the corporate ladder, Tim found himself living a life that was in direct conflict with the values of his faith. After deep prayer and soul-searching, both Tim and Diana quit their jobs to begin afresh, focusing on living their values in a way that integrated their faith with every aspect of life. This has led to the beginning of a number of new ventures.

Growth & Associates is a consulting group that Tim founded and leads, serving businesses in the areas of sales and marketing systems. Only three years old, the group has grown to have offices in the U.S., Canada, and South Africa; it supports companies like Walmart, Coca-Cola, Shell, and FedEx. The profits of Growth & Associates fuel a number of other initiatives for the Kingdom of God, including the Ubuntu Mission and Paglaum Training International (PTI).

The Ubuntu Mission, which Tim and Diana helped co-found and lead, teaches biblically

based leadership and business skills in disadvantaged communities. Primarily focused in South Africa, the Ubuntu Mission is now looking to expand to other parts of the world, including Tim and Diana's own community in northern California. PTI is a brand new ministry in Cebu, Philippines, that helps young girls who have been rescued from human trafficking (aged 7-17) experience holistic reconciliation and healing. Tim advised in the development of PTI and now serves on its board of directors.

Finally, Tim is an author and speaker and has been identified as an emerging thought-leader in the area of professional selling. His most recent book, *World-Class Selling: New Sales Competencies*, has opened the door for another book, tentatively titled *Sales Chaos*, due to be published in the spring of 2011 by Wiley-Pfeiffer.

In the midst of so much activity, Tim and Diana have remained deeply committed to their own marriage and two kids, Connor and Caelan. They are also in the process of adopting their third child.

If chasing rabbits means using your God-given talents to touch lives all around the world, then I can't think of a better person God could use than Tim Ohai.

## Christina (Reasner) Gard

Everyone loves the Cinderella story: Rags to riches. The girl whose hard work and determination (and a bit of external help) land her in the palace. Being a father of three girls, I have read every version of a princess story that Disney has ever put out!

This year's recipient of the Young Alumni of the Year Award is writing her own Cinderella story and I have the honor of telling it to you.

Christina (Reasner) Gard was raised in a small town in Alaska, in a home without running water. This pastor's kid promised herself at an early age that, when she got older, she would move to California, learn to surf, and forge a new life for herself. God had other plans!

After graduating from NU with a degree in Communication, Christina competed for and was crowned Miss Alaska and then went on to compete for Miss America. During this period, she used her visibility to champion for child abuse awareness and prevention. Christina also ministered to the children of Cambodia and worked in crisis intervention in the dangerous neighborhoods of our nation's capital.

Today, Christina is an associate professor here at NU in the School of Ministry, training future children's pastors as well as being the Children's Pastor at Puyallup Foursquare Church where her husband Andrew is the College Pastor and Dean of Students for the Ministry Institute Internship Program.

Rags to riches? Not in an earthly sense. Her home in Puyallup may be nice, but probably not a castle. I know that I would rather my daughters emulate Christina than any cartoon princess out there.

"...and they all lived happily ever after."



John Fox, Alumni Association President; Andrew and Christina Gard, Diana and Tim Ohai, and Dustin Shirley, Alumni Director.



# alumni news

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**Aaron James** ('03), his wife **Lori (Sexton)** ('04), and their three kids recently moved to Sacramento, Calif. If anyone lives in or visits the area, they would love to see you!  
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**Maria (Doerter) Caceres Espindola** ('04) joined YWAM in Chile after working for three years as a nurse in Seattle. She met her husband Rafael in 2007 and they were married in June 2008. They were staff with YWAM until December 2008. They continued their ministry by opening a drug rehab center for women with children in Arica, Chile.  
E-mail: [rayma77@hotmail.com](mailto:rayma77@hotmail.com)

**Erik Greene** ('04) is on the verge of going on long-term disability due to his TBI.  
E-mail: [etg4583@gmail.com](mailto:etg4583@gmail.com)

**Brandon Olson** ('04) and his wife, Sarah live in Spokane Valley and just started their sixth year of teaching.  
Email: [smoothreflections@gmail.com](mailto:smoothreflections@gmail.com)

**Mark Rodli** ('04) is currently raising funds to head back to Thailand as a missionary in order to fulfill God's call for his life.  
E-mail: [mark.rodli@agmd.org](mailto:mark.rodli@agmd.org)

**Heather Bosserman** ('05) is a labor and delivery nurse and her husband **Brant** ('04) is teaching as an adjunct professor at Northwest University. They have two daughters, Niecea (2) and recently adopted Chalcedon (2).  
E-mail: [thebossermans@yahoo.com](mailto:thebossermans@yahoo.com)

**Andrew** ('05) and **Christina (Reasner) Gard** ('04) are full time pastors at Puyallup Foursquare Church. Andrew is the College Pastor and the Dean of Students for the internship program. Christina is the Children's Pastor and is completing her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. Christina is also a faculty member in the College of Ministry at Northwest.  
E-mail: [christina.gard@gmail.com](mailto:christina.gard@gmail.com)

**Elizabeth (Bellanca) Scott** ('05) is in her fifth year teaching at Norman Rockwell Elementary in Redmond, Wash.  
E-mail: [lizzyscott08@gmail.com](mailto:lizzyscott08@gmail.com)

**John** ('05) and **Heidi** ('03) **Quick** are expecting their second child in April 2011. John is working as the Northwest Regional Director for Samaritans Purse.  
E-mail: [jdquicky@gmail.com](mailto:jdquicky@gmail.com)

**Trisha (Lusa) Castle** ('06) married her husband Logan on May 24, 2008. They moved to Altus, Okla., where he serves in the Air Force. She is currently in school for her MA in Elementary Education.  
E-mail: [trishaann06@gmail.com](mailto:trishaann06@gmail.com)

**Nicole Fontenot** ('06) just started graduate school at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She is studying to be an acute care nurse practitioner.  
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**Jenilee LeFors** ('06) moved from Everett, Wash., to Washington, D.C., to work at National Community Church. Jenilee loves living in D.C. and enjoys embarking on adventures around the city.  
E-mail: [jenileejoy@gmail.com](mailto:jenileejoy@gmail.com)

**Kristin Wood** ('06) began her BA degree at Northwest in 1982 and after 17 years of full-time ministry, returned to finish her business degree in the LEAP program. She has also completed her MBA and is working in Project Management at Boeing.  
E-mail: [kristinwood-5@hotmail.com](mailto:kristinwood-5@hotmail.com)

**Angela Williams** ('07) works with the Yupik population in bush Alaska as an RN.  
E-mail: [angiegracewilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:angiegracewilliams@yahoo.com)

**Ashley Braae** ('08) is in the U.S. Air Force working as an operations analyst. She recently served a short tour in South Korea and in November will be going to RAF Lakenheath in England.  
E-mail: [ashley.braae@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.braae@gmail.com)

**Allison (Bunten)** ('08) recently married **Chris Dolliver** ('08). Allison would love to reconnect with her old friends.  
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**Austin Robinson** ('09) is a substitute teacher in the Clover Park School District in Lakewood, Wash. He is active in his church and looks forward to seeing where God leads him in the next chapter of his life.  
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## 2010's

**Ashley Kirstein** ('10) recently started a job as a nurse at Seattle Children's Hospital.  
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**Eric Simpson** ('10) has become a customer center specialist with PACCAR Parts.  
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**Jessica Weaver** ('10) is the children's pastor at Cedar Park Northshore in Kenmore, Wash.  
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## Future alumni

**Andrew** ('99) and **Stephanie (Boyd) McNamar** ('00) had their second child, **Calvin Boyd**, on October 5, 2009.  
E-mail: [stephanieamcnamar@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieamcnamar@gmail.com)

**Carissa Marie Bonham** ('04) and her husband, Joseph were blessed with the birth of their child, **Kaypha Joseph**. Kaypha was born on May 9, 2010. Despite being a preemie, Kaypha weighed in at a hefty 10 pounds, 5 ounces and 22.5 inches long.  
E-mail: [carissamarie@gmail.com](mailto:carissamarie@gmail.com)

**Justin** ('04) and **Katie (Jones) Pike** ('05) welcomed their first child, **Jason James** on September 15, 2010. He weighed 10 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 inches long. The Pikes live in Mill Creek, Wash.  
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Dr. John Ridge, Dr. Darrell Hobson

## John Ridge receives 2010 Regius Award

Dr. John H. Ridge was presented the 2010 Regius Award in a ceremony on October 14, 2010. The Award is presented by the College of Arts and Sciences at Northwest University, to recognize graduates who demonstrate outstanding professional accomplishments and commitment to both learning and service.

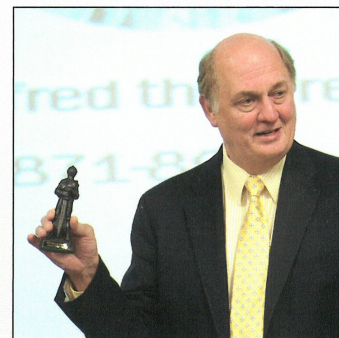
Dr. Ridge graduated from Northwest in 1988, then earned a BA in Philosophy from the University of Washington. He next earned an MA, JD, and PhD in Political Philosophy and Jurisprudence from Boston College.

He served on the faculty of Northwest for six years and now teaches as an adjunct professor. He is a partner in Stoel, Rives, LLC, a prominent legal firm in Seattle. An avid mountain climber, he lives in Kirkland with his wife Cindy and daughter Maggie.

The Regius Lecture was presented by Dr. Ron Herms, a professor in the College of Ministry. The address, which reflected his current studies, was entitled, "Seeing in the Spirit: What kind of spirituality does John's Apocalypse encourage?"



Dr. Ron Herms delivered the Regius Award Lecture.



Dr. Darrell Hobson with the Regius Award, made of slate.



Professors Suzan Kobashigawa and Eric Steinkamp shared their past experiences with Dr. Ridge.



J. Phillip Gustafson, Professor Emeritus, chatted with Dr. Ridge after the award presentation.





Northwest University Athletics is announcing the First Annual **Hall of Fame & Sports Benefit** on March 25, 2011. Join us as we honor student athletes, teams, coaches, and others who have made a significant impact on NU athletics over the past 75 years.

The event will include dinner and an auction to support student athletes at Northwest University.

## Make your nominations for the Eagle Hall of Fame by Dec. 10

### Selection Process

- A. Nominations are to be submitted by Dec. 10. Information should be presented on the standardized nomination form; supplementary information accepted and considered in the deliberations.
- B. Selection Committee will review, discuss, and vote on nominees. A two-thirds favorable vote is required by the Selection Committee to be inducted. Nominees will be notified of committee decisions by Jan. 10.
- C. Up to three individual inductees may be selected in any given year, in addition to team and outstanding service nominees. Maximum number of inductees is five.
- D. In the event that two or fewer inductees are selected, the Selection Committee shall have the option of deferring these inductees to the following year. Selection shall not be deferred more than one year.
- E. Candidates nominated and not elected will automatically be considered the following two years. After a total of three years, the candidate cannot be considered for a one-year period. New nomination forms must be resubmitted.

### Categories & Criteria

#### Athlete: (Meet a minimum of five criteria.)

1. Participated at least two years in the sport.
2. Made significant impact and/or special recognition to the sport.
3. Seven years must have elapsed from the nominee's final season of participation.
4. All-Conference selection and/or All-America recognition.
5. Established a school record or records.
6. Team Most Valuable Player or similar team award.
7. Of strong Christian character.
8. Outstanding post-collegiate performance.

#### Team: (Meet a minimum of three criteria.)

1. Exceptional accomplishment at and above the conference level.
2. Seven years must have elapsed.
3. Made significant impact and/or brought special recognition to Eagle Athletics.
4. Established a school record or records.

#### Coach: (Meet a minimum of three criteria.)

1. Seven years must have elapsed.

2. Made significant impact and/or special recognition to the sport or sports coached.
3. Coach of the Year selection.
4. Established a school record or records.
5. Of strong Christian character.

#### Outstanding Service: (Meet three criteria.)

1. A non-athlete who, in some manner, made significant impact, special recognition, and/or an extraordinary contribution to the success or furthering of Eagle Athletics.
2. A minimum of seven years of service.
3. Of strong Christian character.
4. Demonstrated to the community a heart of service and dedication.

### Nomination Forms and Deadlines

You may make your nominations online at [www.northwestu.edu/athletics/benefit/nominate](http://www.northwestu.edu/athletics/benefit/nominate). You also may mail nominations to: Northwest University, Attn: Dani Haynes, 5520 108th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98033.

Completed nomination forms must be received by December 10, 2010.

## 19 Northwest University Athletes Earn All-Academic Honors

A record 19 Eagle student-athletes earned All-Academic honors in the Cascade Collegiate Conference in this year's fall sports (soccer, cross country, and volleyball). Last year nine NU students earned

this award. Congratulations to these student-athletes, and to the coaches, faculty, and staff of NU for their high academic standards! (There is no photo of Ben Schmalz, who won the award for Cross Country.)



Mason Abdalla  
Men's Soccer



Anu Akamine  
Volleyball



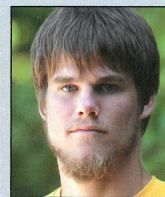
Seth Bridges  
Cross Country



Carlee Cefaratt  
Women's Soccer



Lauryn Ernster  
Volleyball



Luke Fischer  
Men's Soccer



Rachael Harris  
Women's Soccer



Jordan Holmes  
Women's Soccer



Lauren Holtz  
Volleyball



Julia Johnson  
Women's Soccer



Jessica Kane  
Women's Soccer



James Kerr  
Men's Soccer



Hannah McGraw  
Women's Soccer



Melissa Newhouse  
Women's Soccer



Ashley Peavey  
Volleyball



Lizzie Perkins  
Women's Soccer



Shayna Prause  
Cross Country



Kacie Simpson  
Volleyball



# Holiday Gift Guide

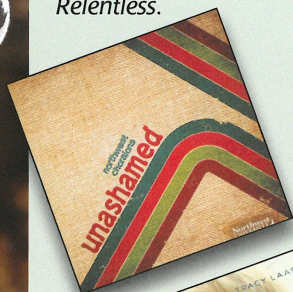
The Bookstore at Northwest University is a great place for Christmas shopping this year. Some of the newest items (modeled by NU student Shelby Wells) include a winter hat, a soccer scarf, and a coffee mug



with the NU seal. Other items include "Blue Cocoa" (in the University's very own school colors), golf balls, a travel mug, picture frames, and various sweatshirts.

## The Gift of Music

Music CDs are also a great gift idea. The newest CD by the **Northwest Choralons** is *Unashamed*. Other titles from the **Choralons** are *Surrender*, *Overflow*, *Faithful*, *Crossing*, and *Relentless*.



There are also CDs from Northwest alumni, including *This Dance* by Tracy Laas (right), *Blessed* by Jamie Bonife, *More Than Me* by Emilie McCormack, *The Abbey Road Project* by *Crepe Tangerine* (a group honoring The Beatles that includes three NU alumni), and *Hymns & Classical Music* by Professor Mizue Fells.

All items are available online at [www.northwestu.edu/bookstore](http://www.northwestu.edu/bookstore).



## Hear the Choralons in person

The **Northwest Choralons** minister in churches through the spring semester. To see their schedule for a chance to hear them in person, please visit our web site: [www.northwestu.edu](http://www.northwestu.edu).

THE Northwest University Concert Choir  
AND THE University Presbyterian Cathedral Choir  
JOIN THE Rainier Symphony TO PRESENT

# Christmas Traditions

7:30 pm  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010

## Benaroya Hall

S. MARK TAPER FOUNDATION AUDITORIUM

Featuring familiar carol arrangements by Mack Wilberg, Peter Hope, John Rutter and more, all celebrating the traditions of Christmas.  
Conducted by William Owen and David Waltman.

## Northwest Choir returns to Benaroya Hall Dec. 1 for Christmas Concert

Again this year, the Northwest University Concert Choir will join the University Presbyterian Cathedral Choir and the Rainier Symphony to present a Christmas Concert at Benaroya Hall, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 1.

Last year's concert was warmly received, with more than 2,000 tickets sold – well up into the third tier.

This year's concert, entitled "Christmas Traditions," will feature familiar carol arrangements by Mack Wilberg, Peter Hope, John Rutter, and more.

Tickets are priced from \$12 to \$36 and are available at the Northwest University Bookstore, **425.889.5268**.

Tickets are also available in person at the Benaroya Hall Ticket Office, by calling **206.215.4747**, or online at [www.benaroyahall.org](http://www.benaroyahall.org). There is an \$8 service fee per order for phone or online orders.

"These concerts are a great opportunity for our students to sing in a world-class venue like Benaroya Hall," notes Bill Owen, the conductor of both choirs and Chair of the Music Department at Northwest. "In addition, this is a wonderful chance for alumni and friends of Northwest University to enjoy a truly magnificent Christmas concert."





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## Leap of Faith

Danika Helin took advantage of fallen leaves to take a literal leap of faith on a recent afternoon. She and three friends gathered the leaves outside the D. V. Hurst Library.